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- 1. THE MOST RECENT EVALUATION OF USG ACTIVITIES AT THIS MISSION WAS SUBMITTED IN JULY (REF. B). OTHER AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES AT POST AND I CONCUR THAT THERE ARE NO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAFF REDUCTIONS AT THIS TIME.
- 2. IN ADDITION TO MY COMMENTS IN REF. B AND TO OUR STAFFING ANALYSIS SET OUT IN THE PARM RESOURCE ASSESSMENT (REF. C) IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN US-GUYANA RELATIONS IN RECENT MONTHS HAS BROUGHT AN INTENSIFICATION OF MISSION STAFF ACTIVITY. RENEWED OPPORTUNITIES FOR MORE INTENSIVE DIALOGUE ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES, INCREASING OFFICIAL AND REPRESENTATIONAL CONTACTS, AND CONSEQUENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR A GREATER FLOW OF INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS HAVE ADDED CONSIDERABLY TO ALREADY HEAVY WORK PRESSURES ON OUR LEAN STAFF.
- 3. USAID, DESPITE THE PLANNED ENLARGEMENT OF ITS PROGRAM, HAS REAFFIRMED THAT NO INCREASE IN ITS TOTAL AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL LEVEL WILL BE REQUESTED FOR THE COMING YEAR ALTHOUGH SOME SHIFTING OF RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BECOME NECESSARY. AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USIS, THERE ARE HEAVIER DEMANDS THAN EVER BEFORE ON BOTH OF THE TWO OFFICERS ASSIGNED, BROUGHT ABOUT CHIEFLY BY GROWING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND GOG SUPPORT FOR OUR INFORMATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

4. IN SUM, I BELIEVE ANY CUTS IN OUR PRESENT STAFFING COULD PROVE DETRIMENTAL TO THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE

MISSION'S OVERALL OBJECTIVES AND WOULD RESULT IN LOST OPPORTUNITIES FOR MONITORING, ANALYSING, AND POSSIBLY INFLUENCING GUYANA'S SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE CARIBBEAN AND NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.
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